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# Jane Seymour

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**T**HE queen Jane Seymour's castle is her home—and she invites **STAR** readers for an exclusive look at her 14th century estate—which has everything, from an 11th century church to its own ghost!

Incredibly, the regal-looking property known as St. Catherine Court was a run-down hovel when Jane snapped it up 12 years ago for the bargain-basement price of just \$400,000.

But she splashed out hundreds of thousands of dollars refurbishing it with antiques and precious art and it's now considered one of the most sumptuous homes in England.

The 14th century mansion, which sometimes houses paying guests for as much as \$13,000 a week, sits on 14 rolling acres about 100 miles west of London.

Not surprisingly, she and husband James Keach

spend as much time as they can at the fairy-tale retreat with their 21-month-old twins Christopher and John, her two children Katie, 15, and Sean, 11, from her marriage to former business manager David Flynn, and James' son Kalen, 19.

Jane's *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* schedule keeps her in Los Angeles for much of the year so she turned her castle into a resort so others can enjoy its tranquil luxury.

"It's a beautiful home and

beautiful people have to be invited in," she said.

But it also has tremendous sentimental value for Jane. "My father is buried here," she said. "And by another strange quirk of fate, I discovered after I bought it that my first boyfriend, who was killed in a car accident at the age of 24, is buried in the courtyard."

When Jane's away her paying guests are pampered like Hollywood stars by a staff that caters to their every whim.

And there is plenty to keep visitors amused: As well as the eight bedrooms, there are tennis courts, horse stables and a ballroom. They can even keep an eye out for the castle ghost. Several visitors have reported seeing the spirit of a woman wearing a flowing skirt wandering about one of the bedrooms.

Said Jane, 47: "With a house this old I guess we're bound to have a few unexpected visitors from the spirit world."

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